

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A settable mixture comprising
 - (i) a water absorbing composition and
 - (ii) an aqueous emulsion of organic polymer or
 - (iii) dispersible organic polymer,wherein the water absorbing composition (i) contains inorganic ingredients which are capable to react with water and the water absorbing composition (i) contains at least 95 weight % lime and
wherein the amount of the aqueous emulsion of organic polymer (ii) in relation to (i) is such as to provide a ratio of combined weight of polymer solids to combined weight of ingredients which are capable to react with water of from 0.5 : 1 to 10: 1, preferably 1: 1 to 4: 1 and
wherein the amount of dispersible organic polymer (iii) in relation to (i) is such as to give a ratio of combined weight of polymers to combined weight of ingredients which are capable to react with water of from 0.5 : 1 to 10: 1, preferably 1: 1 to 4: 1.
2. (Original) A settable mixture according to claim 1, wherein the water absorbing composition (i) comprises approximately 100 weight % lime.
3. (Currently amended) A method of applying a coating to a surface which method comprises forming a settable mixture according to ~~claims 1 or 2~~ claim 1, containing a water absorbing composition (i) and an aqueous emulsion of organic polymer (ii) and putting the settable mixture on the surface to form a coating ~~preferably at least 2 mm in thickness.~~
4. (Currently amended) A method of applying a coating to a surface which method comprises forming a settable mixture according to ~~claims 1 or 2~~ claim 1 containing water absorbing composition (i) and dispersible organic polymer (iii), combining the

settable mixture with water and putting the mixture on the surface to form a coating preferably at least 2 mm in thickness.

5. (Currently amended) ~~Coating-manufacturable~~ The coating made according to [[a]] the method which is defined in claim 3 ~~or~~ 4.
6. (Currently amended) A method of using the ~~Use of a~~ coating as defined in claim 5 as a rock support means.
7. (Currently amended) A method of using the ~~Use of a~~ coating as defined in claim 5 as a waterproofing means.
8. (New) The settable mixture according to claim 1 wherein the amount of the aqueous emulsion of organic polymer (ii) in relation to (i) is such as to provide the ratio of combined weight of polymer solids to combined weight of ingredients which are capable to react with water from 1: 1 to 4: 1.
9. (New) The settable mixture according to claim 8, wherein the water absorbing composition (i) comprises approximately 100 weight % lime.
10. (New) The settable mixture according to claim 1 wherein the amount of dispersible organic polymer (iii) in relation to (i) is such as to give a ratio of combined weight of polymers to combined weight of ingredients which are capable to react with water of from 1: 1 to 4: 1.
11. (New) The settable mixture according to claim 10, wherein the water absorbing composition (i) comprises approximately 100 weight % lime.
12. (New) The method of applying a coating to a surface which method comprises forming a settable mixture according to claim 2, containing a water absorbing composition (i) and an aqueous emulsion of organic polymer (ii) and putting the settable mixture on the surface to form a coating.

13. (New) The method according to claim 12 wherein the coating is at least 2 mm in thickness.
14. (New) The method according to claim 3 wherein the coating is at least 2 mm in thickness.
15. (New) A method of applying a coating to a surface which method comprises forming a settable mixture according to claim 2 containing water absorbing composition (i) and dispersible organic polymer (iii), combining the settable mixture with water and putting the mixture on the surface to form a coating.
16. (New) The method according to claim 15 wherein the coating is at least 2 mm in thickness.
17. (New) The method according to claim 4 wherein the coating is at least 2 mm in thickness.
18. (New) The coating made according to the method which is defined in claim 4.
19. (New) A method of using the coating as defined in claim 18 as a rock support means.
20. (New) A method of using the coating as defined in claim 18 as a waterproofing means.